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REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview on March 11, 2010. As discussed and agreed, Applicants submit the this amendment which incorporates the Examiner's suggestions. Claims 6 and 7 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 7 have been rejected. Claim 6 and 7 have been canceled. Claims 8 and 9 have been added.

As described in the Specification, Applicants obtained isolated RNA from brain tissue and determined that the amplification of PrP^{Sc} was mediated by an RNA fraction specific to mammals (page 8, lines 8-23, and page 9, lines 25-32 of the Specification) that did not bind to an oligo dT column and contained RNA of greater than 300 nucleotides as determined by ultrafiltration (page 7, lines 3-22 of the Specification). No new matter has been added by this amendment. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claim is earnestly solicited.

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